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Committee Disapproves USAFI Contract Clause

The new contracts for correspondence courses under the United States Armed Forces Institute which have been offered to more than 40 colleges and universities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954 were discussed at length by the Council's Committee on Relationships of Higher Education to the Federal Government at its meeting on June 23. A number of the institutions involved and the Executive Committee of the National University Extension Association have criticized the contract, particularly Article 1-d (for the text of this Article, see Volume III, No. 6 of this Bulletin.) The Committee then unanimously adopted the following resolution:

> The Committee on Relationships of Higher Education to the Federal Government of the American Council on Education recognizes that in the proposed form of the USAFI contract, the Department of the Army has followed the Committee recommendations of September 10, 1953 by placing at the head of the proposed contract the clause, "This contract is authorized by and negotiated under Section 2 (c) (1), Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 (Public Law 413--80th Congress) and Presidential Proclamation 2914." It is the opinion of the Committee, however, that the addition of Article 1-d in the proposed contract is unnecessary from the standpoint of the Government and undesirable from the standpoint of the educational institutions.
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> The Committee notes that the interests and responsibility of the Government are fully protected by the cancellation provision of the contract. Furthermore, elimination of Article 1-d will protect the educational institution against arbitrary action on the part of the contractor.

This recommendation that Article 1-d be eliminated from USAFI contracts now under negotiation has been forwarded to appropriate officers of the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army by President Adams of the Council.

Council's Reece Committee Testimony is Published

The Executive Committee of the Council, at its meeting on May 21-22, seriously considered the charges made against the Council and similar organizations before the House Special Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations and Related Organizations by its Director of Research on May 11. (See Vol. III - No. 11 of this Bulletin). The Executive Committee unanimously approved a statement for presentation to the Committee on behalf of the Council and directed that President Adams request the opportunity to present the statement in person. Subsequently, President Adams received a subpoena to appear before the Committee to testify on June 17.

Although the schedule of witnesses did not permit Dr. Adams to present oral testimony on that day, his written statement, which had previously been distributed to the press by the House Committee staff, was entered in the record by formal Committee action. Dr. Adams has been notified that he may be called to testify at a later date.

In accordance with action of the Executive Committee directing the staff to give widest possible publicity to Dr. Adams' statement, the document has been printed under the title "In the Public Interest," copies of which are enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin. Several thousand additional copies are available for free distribution to Council members. It is hoped that they will be put into the hands of newspaper editors and columnists, magazine editors, radio and television commentators, members of governing boards of educational institutions, and other interested persons and groups. Orders for copies should be addressed to the Manager of Publications, American Council on Education, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

College Housing Loan Interest Rate Cut

The Housing and Home Finance Agency has announced that the interest rate on college housing loans for the six months beginning July 1, 1954 will be 3.25% as compared with 3.5% during the current six months' period. At the same time it was announced that the differential between the Government rate and the rate for private loans has been increased from .1% to .25%. In other words, private financing must be accepted under the program in the next six months if it is available at 3.5% or less and meets the other conditions.

$6,000,000 Restored for Educational Exchange

The Senate has voted to restore the $6,000,000 previously cut by the House from the $15,000,000 appropriation requested by the Department of State to operate its international educational exchange activities in fiscal 1955. (See Volume III - No. 7 of this Bulletin). The State Department Appropriation Bill, H.R. 8067, was under consideration by a Conference Committee at the time of the meeting of the Committee on Relationships on June 23. The Committee on Relationships unanimously endorsed the action of the Senate and authorized the staff to send telegrams to that effect to members of the Conference Committee.

Results of P.L. 550 Poll Sent to House Committee

In accordance with action taken by the Council's Executive Committee at its meeting on May 21-22, President Adams on June 10 sent to all members of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House copies of Volume III, No. 13 of this Bulletin announcing the results of the Council poll of four-year colleges and universities and constituent member organizations on H.R. 9235, the proposed amendment to P.L. 550. In this letter he said, "The results of the inquiry as recited in the report speak for themselves, and hence the Council does not plan to request the opportunity to present testimony at the hearings on this bill, which we understand are imminent. We are glad to submit this factual information for the Committee's consideration and will be available for testimony if the Committee so desires."

Hearings on the Bill were held by a subcommittee of the Veterans Affairs Committee on June 16 to 18. No oral testimony was offered on behalf of the Council, since none had been requested by the subcommittee. President Adams has been assured, however, that the report on the Council poll will be included in the printed record of the hearing.

The Committee on Relationships at its meeting on June 23, after hearing reports on the hearings and on Council actions, passed the following resolution: "The Committee is cognizant that the President of the Council by direction of the Executive Committee filed the results of the questionnaire on the proposed amendment to P.L. 550 with the Veterans Affairs Committee of the House. The Committee recommends that the same procedure be followed if hearings on this measure are held in the Senate." It had been reported by one of the consultants that action in the Senate is unlikely unless H.R. 9235 is actually passed by the House.

Junior Colleges Vote on P.L. 550 Amendment

As a supplement to the questionnaire sent to four-year colleges and universities in May, the Council in June undertook a poll of junior colleges regarding H.R. 9235.

The Council polled 517 institutions asking whether or not "the proposed amendment should be supported by higher education." Replies were received, as of June 21, from 195 institutions (37.7%). Two replies from institutions were not tabulated because they indicated no opinion.

The following tables show the results of the voting by the 193 institutions that expressed opinions. Of the institutions, 45.6% voted in favor of higher education's supporting the amendment, while 54.4% voted against. Of those institutions under public control voting, 36.4% are in favor of the amendment while 65.6% of the privately controlled institutions voting favor the amendment.

A detailed analysis of the current poll of junior colleges follows:

JUNIOR COLLEGES

	TOTAL	FOR		AGAINST	
	No.	No.	%	No.	%
I. By A.C.E. Membership					
A.C.E. Members	33	13	39.4	20	60.6
Non-members	160	75	46.9	85	53.1
Total	193	88	45.6	105	54.4
II. By Type of Control					
Public	132	48	36.4	84	63.6
Private	61	40	65.6	21	34.4
Total	193	88	45.6	105	54.4

Senate Disapproves ROTC Freshman Oath

The rider attached to the Department of Defense Appropriation Bill, H.R. 8873, in the House of Representatives, which would require all students in basic courses of Senior Division ROTC units to execute a Certificate of Loyalty (See Vol. III - No. 10 of this Bulletin) has been deleted in the Senate. The Committee on Relationships at its meeting on June 23 strongly approved the action of the Senate and expressed the hope that the Senate and House conferees will uphold the Senate in this respect.

"Communism in Education" Published by Council

"Communism in Education in Asia, Africa and the Far Pacific", a book by Walter Crosby Eells, based on a series of articles in the Educational Record, will be published by the Council on July 6. It is believed that this careful reporting of conditions,

events, and opinion in 39 countries of the Near and Far East will give the American public a better perspective on the whole problem--a world problem--of the infiltration of Communist ideology into the schools. Since this is not a subsidized publications of a Council project, copies will not be distributed free to the Council membership. The book may be ordered at the list price of $3.00 from the Manager of Publications, American Council on Education, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Urban Housing Rider Eliminated from Bill

The Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, H.R. 8583, was sent to the White House on June 17 after the Conference Report had been accepted by both Houses of Congress. The rider in the House version of the bill restricting urban development projects in which a number of educational institutions are interested (See Vol. III - No. 10 of this Bulletin) was eliminated from the final draft of the Bill.

Crucial Provision of Tax Bill Approved

The Senate Finance Committee has approved a House provision in the general tax bill, H.R. 8300, to allow children to earn more than $600 a year without being lost to their parents as a tax exemption. The amendment provides that a parent may still claim the $600 exemption for a child if the taxpayer supplies more than one-half the support, provided the child is under 19, or above that age if the child is attending college. The Senate Committee broadened the definition of college to include "on the farm" training programs supervised by accredited schools.

Social Security Bill in Senate Committee

The House has passed and sent to the Senate the Administration's Social Security bill, H.R. 9366. The bill extends coverage to employees of public-supported colleges. That and other provisions of most interest to education were reported in Vol. III, No. 12 of this Bulletin. Only eight members of the House voted against the measure. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Millikin has said that the hearings, which began on June 24, will be "fairly lengthy". President Adams has sent a letter, for inclusion in the record, restating the Council's stand in favor of extending coverage to employees of publicly supported educational institutions.

Most AFROTC Seniors Accept Commissions

Latest reports from the Air Force indicate that approximately 70% of the graduating seniors who were to have received Certificates of Completion in the AFROTC have accepted commissions in the Air Force National Guard under the plan described in Volume III - No. 12 of this Bulletin.

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